

(c) assembling the decks to form a finished pallet.

23. (New) The pallet according to claim 22 wherein scuffing comprises scuffing said surfaces to create a multi-directional scuffing pattern.

24. (New) The pallet according to claim 22 wherein scuffing comprises brushing said surfaces with at least one wire brush.

25. (New) The pallet according to claim 22 wherein scuffing includes brushing said surfaces with at least one cup-shaped wire brush.

26. (New) A plastic pallet adapted for use with a fork member of a lift device, the plastic pallet including a first deck and a second deck spaced apart from each other by a plurality of support members extending therebetween and defining fork-receiving regions, the pallet prepared by a method comprising:

providing the first deck and the second deck separately from each other;
scuffing an outer surface of the first deck and an inner surface of the first deck in the fork-receiving regions to define a plurality of slip-resistance scuffed surfaces; and
assembling the first deck and the second deck to define the plastic pallet.

27. (New) The pallet according to claim 26, wherein scuffing includes brushing the surfaces with at least one wire brush.

28. (New) The pallet according to claim 26, wherein scuffing includes brushing the surfaces with at least one cup-shaped wire brush.

29. (New) The pallet according to claim 26, wherein scuffing includes scuffing the surfaces to define a multi-directional scuffing pattern.

30. (New) The pallet according to claim 26, wherein scuffing further includes scuffing an outer surface of the second deck.

31. (New) A plastic pallet for use with a fork member of a lift device, the plastic pallet having a first deck and a second deck spaced apart from each other by a plurality of support members to define fork-receiving regions therebetween, the pallet formed by a method comprising:

separately providing the first deck and the second deck;

scuffing an upper surface of the first deck and a lower surface of the second deck to define a plurality of slip-resistance scuffed surfaces; and

assembling the first deck and the second deck to define the plastic pallet.

32. (New) The pallet according to claim 31, wherein scuffing includes brushing the surfaces with at least one wire brush.

33. (New) The pallet according to claim 31, wherein scuffing includes brushing the surfaces with at least one cup-shaped wire brush.

34. (New) The pallet according to claim 31, wherein scuffing includes scuffing the surfaces to define a multi-directional scuffing pattern.

35. (New) The pallet according to claim 31, wherein scuffing further includes scuffing at least one inner surface of the first deck and the second deck in the fork-receiving regions.

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, and further believe that the claims are presented in a condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is thus respectfully solicited. Note that new independent claim 22 was withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner in Paper No. 10 of the priority application, and is hereby resubmitted for examination.